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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC: DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REF: (A) USUN 1389 (NOTAL), (B) USUN 1444 (NOTAL)

1. IF USUN OR GENEVA MISSIONS ARE QUERIED ABOUT U.S.
POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT
RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND U.S. ATTENDANCE AT
WORLD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN AUGUST, REPLY
SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THAT U.S. POSITION OF NON-PARTICIPA-
TION CANNOT CHANGE UNTIL
THE LINK WHICH WE BELIEVE TO EXIST BETWEEN GA RESOLUTION
3379 AND THE DECADE IS BROKEN. BARRING SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT,
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WHICH AT THE TIME WE CANNOT FORESEE, WE WILL
BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAJOR FEATURE OF THE
DECADE, THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

2. USUN SHOULD REITERATE OUR POSITION FIRMLY BUT
NON-CONFRONTATIONALLY AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT IN THE
DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.

3. FOR USUN: IN VIEW OF REPORT (REF B) THAT ALL EC-9 STATES PLAN TO BE REPRESENTED AT WORLD CONFERENCE, DEPARTMENT SEES NO UTILITY IN SEEKING TO STIFFEN ATTITUDE OF WESTERN EUROPEANS TOWARD PARTICIPATION IN DECADE ACTIVITIES, AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR HERZOG IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WELLS (REPORTED REF A). AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AMBASSADOR WELLS SHOULD SO INFORM AMBASSADOR HERZOG.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD RUMOR THAT ISRAELI DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT AMBASSADOR HERZOG MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED ON ISRAELI POSITION ON ATTENDANCE AT WORLD CONFERENCE.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE INQUIRE AS TO ISRAELI POSITION ON ATTENDANCE AT WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GENEVA AUGUST 14-25. OFFICIAL INVITATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN A NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1978 WHICH ORIGINATED FROM THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA. CHRISTOPHER

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